

Constitutional Amendments.

Proposed at the adjourned session of the 27th General Assembly, to be voted on at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 1872.

FIRST CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Concurrent resolutions submitting to the qualified voters of the state of Missouri, an amendment to the constitution of the supreme court and their term of office.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That at the general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the year 1872, the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Missouri, concerning the judges of the Supreme Court, and their terms of office, shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State, in the manner already provided by law, to wit:

Section 1. The Supreme Court shall consist of five Judges, any three of whom shall constitute a quorum, and said Judges shall be conservators of the peace throughout the State.

Sec. 2. The Judges of the Supreme Court shall, except as hereinafter provided, hold office for the term of ten years, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Sec. 3. At the general election in the year 1872, two additional Judges of the Supreme Court shall be elected, and enter upon their office on the first Monday in January next ensuing. At the first session of the court thereafter, the two additional Judges so elected shall, by lot, determine the duration of their several terms of office, which shall be respectively eight and ten years, and they shall certify the result to the Secretary of State. At the general election every two years thereafter, one Judge of the Supreme Court shall be elected, who shall hold his office for the period of ten years from the first day of January next ensuing. The Judge at any time having the shortest time to serve, shall be the presiding Judge of the Court.

Sec. 4. Upon the adoption of this amendment, the fourth, sixth and seventh sections of the sixth article of the constitution shall be repealed and forever rescinded.

SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Concurrent resolution submitting to the legal voters of the state of Missouri, an amendment to the constitution thereof, concerning the investment of the public school fund.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

Section 1. At the general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, in the year of our Lord, 1872, the following amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to a vote of the legal voters of the State of Missouri, in the manner already provided by law, to wit:

Section 6. of Article Nine, of the Constitution of the State of Missouri, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6. No part of the public school fund shall ever be loaned in the stock or bonds or other obligations of any county, city, town or corporation. The stock of the Bank of the State of Missouri now held for school purposes, and all other stocks belonging to any school or university fund, shall be sold in such manner and at such time as the General Assembly shall prescribe; and the proceeds thereof, and the proceeds of the sale of any lands or other property which now belong to any school or university fund, shall be invested in the bonds of the state of Missouri, or of the United States. All county school funds shall be loaned upon good and sufficient unincumbered real estate security, with personal security in addition thereto.

Distinguished Sons of Kentucky.

(From the Richmond Register.)

The nomination of Silas Woodson for the office of Governor of Missouri has created the fact that the little town of Barboursville, Knott county, Ky., has been the scene of a series of distinguished and influential men.

At an early day, Joseph Eve lived there. Long Circuit Judge of the mountain district, and distinguished for his good sense, plain, frank manners, and kind heart, he was immensely popular. He was commissioned by President Harrison Minister to the Republic of Texas, and died in that service.

Following Eve, Franklin Ballinger became Judge, and after serving long on the bench and in the senate of Kentucky, died in Iowa several years since, possessed of wealth and fame. Samuel F. Miller, Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, although born and educated in Richmond, married and lived a number of years in Barboursville. This gentleman is the equal of any man on the Supreme bench, and has the deserved reputation of a great and independent judge.

Green Adams is a Barboursville man. Twice elected to the Congress of the United States from this district, he afterwards filled with great probity and faithfulness the office of sixth auditor of the United States Treasury by appointment from President Lincoln.

His nephew, George Madison Adams, who has been three times elected to Congress from this district, is also a Barboursville man. The talents, accomplishments and gallant bearing of this gentleman will no doubt insure his reelection next November.

Silas Woodson, who has just been nominated for Governor of Missouri, long represented Knott county in the Kentucky Legislature. He was the only member of the Constitutional Convention of '59 who was in favor of the emancipation of the slaves of the State by gradual steps. Afterwards emigrated to Northwestern Missouri, he became an extreme Southern man in the times of "horror cruelties" in Kansas; was made Circuit Judge in a large and intelligent district, and at last has received the nomination of Chief Magistrate of his adopted State, over a man of great national reputation like James B. Rollins. Such success indicates great talents, energy and good luck.

A Muscular Christian.

Old Peter Cartwright gathered to his fathers.

(From the World.)

One of the oldest and most widely-known Methodist preachers in America died on Wednesday, at his home near Pleasant Plains, Sangamon county, Ill. Peter Cartwright was eighty-seven years old. He was a native of Amherst county, Va., and was born in 1785, two years after the close of the Revolutionary war. While he was still a child his parents removed with him to Kentucky. His early years were spent in that wild frontier land, where the war-whop of the savage often aroused his father and his neighbors to the defense of their lives and homes. Peter was scarcely sixteen years old when he was converted by an itinerant preacher, and became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The event determined the career of his whole life. He conceived the idea that he had been called to preach the gospel in the wilderness, and at almost immediately he entered upon that duty. In his autobiography, published about fifteen years ago, he related many interesting and often amusing incidents of his early labors in the backwoods. Like many of the men of his time and section, he had an iron constitution and a strong, marked individuality, and was a bold, courageous and zealous preacher. He feared neither man nor devil, and for his cause was ready at any time to fight both if they stood in his way. His speech was homely, but it was earnest, and went straight to the hearts of his rough audiences. It was heard to say a few years ago that he had received into the church no fewer than thirty persons, and that in his long career he had preached five hundred sermons.

In the early pioneer days he naturally met some hard characters, who, instigated by the adversary, would endeavor to bring disgrace upon him. He tells in his autobiography of one such brutal fellow threatened to whip him. Peter said, "Well, sir, I never like to live in dread. If you really intend to whip me, come and do it now." The man continued to bluster, whereupon the fighting preacher, dismounting from his horse, walked up to him and said, "Now, sir, you have to whip me, and I will put you in the river and baptize you in the name of the devil, for surely you belong to him." The fellow, who had threatened to whip him, related what Cartwright had said, and he was so much frightened that he fled. Peter said, "I never like to live in dread. If you really intend to whip me, come and do it now." The man continued to bluster, whereupon the fighting preacher, dismounting from his horse, walked up to him and said, "Now, sir, you have to whip me, and I will put you in the river and baptize you in the name of the devil, for surely you belong to him." The fellow, who had threatened to whip him, related what Cartwright had said, and he was so much frightened that he fled.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

STATE OF MISSOURI, County of Lafayette, August term, 1872, August 20th, 1872.

The said John W. Walker, of said county, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the author of a certain book, entitled "Autobiography of Peter Cartwright," and that he has deposited a copy of said book in the office of the Clerk of said court, for the purpose of publishing the same.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court, this 20th day of August, 1872.

JOHN W. WALKER, Author.

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